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SUBJ: OFFICIALS COMMENCE SQUATTER EVICTIONS

REF: CAPE TOWN 1105 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: LONG-ANTICIPATED EFFORT BY SAG AUTHORITIES TO BEGIN CLEARANCE OF SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS ON OUTSKIRTS CAPE TOWN (REFTEL) BEGAN THIS MORNING (AUGUST 8) AS WORKERS USING MECHANICAL SHOVEL BEGAN DEMOLISHING SHANTIES. END SUMMARY

1. LAST MINUTE APPEALS BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPOSITION MP'S TO DEFER EVICTION OF SQUATTERS FROM CAPE TOWN CAMPS LED TO SPECIAL FLIGHT TO CAPE TOWN AUGUST 5 OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF BANTU AFFAIRS W.A. CRUYWAGEN TO MEET WITH ATTORNEY REPRESENTING SQUATTERS. CRUYWAGEN TOOK UNCOMPROMISING STAND THAT GOVT POLICY MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AND SQUATTER CAMPS CLEARED.

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2. MORNING OY AUGUST 8 TEAMS OF BANTU AFFAIRS DEPT (BAD) OFFICIALS AND WORKERS, ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE, MOVED INTO MODDERDAM CAMP, ORDERING RESIDENTS TO REMOVE BELONGINGS FROM SHANTIES WHICH WERE THEN DEMOLISHED BY MECHANICAL SHOVEL. AS OF MID-DAY, SOME 30-40 SHANTIES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED. POLICE WERE OUT IN FORCE TO DISCOURAGE ON-LOOKERS AND ISSUE

TICKETS FOR "LOITERING" TO ANY WHO DID NOT MOVE ALONG AS ORDERED. DEMOLITIONS WERE, NONETHELESS, WITNESSED BY SMALL CROWD OF SYMPATHIZERS, INCLUDING TOWNSPEOPLE AND STUDENTS FROM NEARBY "COLORED" UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE. ONLOOKERS REPORTED THAT POLICE USED DOGS TO BREAK UP EFFORTS BY SQUATTERS TO CAMP DOWN WITH THEIR BELONGINGS IN MODDERDAM ROAD AS A FORM OF PROTEST.

3. NUMBER OF SHANTIES ACTUALLY DEMOLISHED, IN COMPARISON TO THE ESTIMATED 3,500 DWELLINGS CONTAINED IN THE THREE CAMPS NEAR MODDERDAM, IS NOT LARGE BUT AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY INTEND START CLEARANCE IN ONE SMALL SECTION WITH CONSIDERABLE POLICE PRESENCE AS DEMONSTRATION TO OTHERS THAT RESISTANCE IS FUTILE AND "VOLUNTARY" REMOVAL ADVISABLE. WHETHER REMOVALS WILL IMPEL SQUATTERS TO ATTEMPT FORCIBLE RESISTANCE IS MAJOR QUESTION. WHITE

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